

Delaney fights injury worry

WYCOMBE Wanderers' hard struggle to find anything like the form they showed last season will continue tomorrow (Saturday) when the Blues visit Champion Hill to meet improving Dulwich Hamlet.

After their poor showing at Hendon on Tuesday night, Wanderers will be out to register their second double of the season, having beaten Dulwich in the opening game on August 12. Many will remember the 'Leeds United type' warm up performed by Dulwich on that occasion but it did them little good — losing 3-0!

Much was promised from the South Londoners under new manager Jim Rose but their revival has been somewhat inconsistent. Typical of this has been their recent results.

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They could only draw 2-2 with Isthmian League 'punch bags' Oxford City at home but won 2-0 at Oxford's White House ground. They lost 5-3 to Leatherhead (2-1 winners at Wycombe last Saturday) again at home but won at Leatherhead on Tuesday 2-1.

During that match international skipper Trevor Blaydon aggravated an old groin injury while Micky Pratt, their top goalscorer, was forced to have stitches for a three inch gash in his head. Also defender Peter Gaydon received a badly bruised thigh. All three are doubtful for tomorrow.

One piece of good news for the club is that former Sutton

striker Ken Jelly is on the way back in light training after breaking both ankles and both wrists falling off a ladder.

Wycombe themselves have two injury worries Tony Horseman and John Delaney. Delaney and Horseman — both with leg injuries — are only 50-50.

If Delaney is unable to play it could give Dave Bullock the chance of a rare game at centre half with Gerry Olson. Many feel Bullock should be given a try in the team.

The full back positions will be difficult to select with Gamblin, Rundle and newcomer Micky Cooper all bidding for places. Cooper signed this week from Walton and made his debut on Tuesday. Paul Birdseye has left Wycombe for local Athenian Leaguers Maidenhead and played in their 3-1 defeat against Slough on Tuesday.